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beauty and rich treasures are disclosed. And so on. The instruction proceeds by question and answer throughout the book. In the course of the treatment a host of subjects are discussed : religion, reason, revelation, other sacred books, authorship of the biblical books, their literary features, versions, inspiration, canon, apocrypha, texts, lower and higher criticism, chronology, geography, Palestine ; then the books are treated in groups seriatim, with interspersed discussions of the biblical history. An appendix contains a quantity of biblical facts for the student to memorize. The author claims that the material is in accord with the latest and best results of scholarly discussion and investigation, is carefully conservative of the prevailing belief of the Church regarding the Bible, and is free from any sectarian bias or allusions. The book is well adapted for use in the home, prayer-meeting, Sunday-school, Bible class, anywhere where Christian people, and especially the young, are trying to get a better and more comprehensive view of the Sacred Scriptures.

Leading Ideas of the Gospels.

The Leading Ideas of the Gospels. A new edition, revised and greatly enlarged. By William Alexander, D. D., D. C. L. New York : Macmillan and Co. 1892. Pp. xxxi., 330. Price, \$1.75.

The first edition of this book, a collection of sermons, was issued twenty years ago, and passed out of print. But the demand for its republication induced the author to prepare the original material for a new edition, which he has done, thoroughly revising the entire work, replacing the hortatory, sermon-like tone by the calmer, didactic style, and making important additions, especially in the treatment accorded Luke's Gospel, and the elucidation of the four accounts of the Passion. The work is made more available by an excellent synopsis of contents and an index. The leading ideas of each Gospel are considered by themselves and in contrast with others, and then they are given a practical application. Dr. Alexander looks upon the Gospels as selections from a vast treasury of recollections, arranged, according to the evangelist's own method, around certain Leading Ideas. To discover these Ideas, and to show the relation in each case of the Gospel material to them, is the task set and admirably accomplished. The book is charming in style, very suggestive and fresh, and should receive careful attention in a study of the Gospels.

"In the Fulness of Time."

A History of the Preparation of the World for Christ. By Rev. David R. Breed, D. D. Chicago : Young Men's Era Publishing Co. 1891. Pp. viii., 338. Price, —.

"The story of Redemption is invested with a deeper meaning, and conveys a much more impressive lesson, when one has first obtained an intelligent apprehension of the nature of mankind's departure from God, and of the method employed to lead it back to himself. . . . The one thus instructed will understand not only the connection between the Old Testament and the New, but the relation of the times before Christ to those since Christ ; he will behold in history the progressive outworking of a great and gracious plan." In order that sincere people may see this divine plan in history, and history in the light of this divine plan, Dr. Breed has written, with spiritual insight, knowledge and skill. The work is in four parts. The first discusses the chosen land, in